

REMARKS

We submit that all of the claims are in allowable condition. We have provided a new title in accordance with the Examiner's request. We have also amended claim 1. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 13, lines 27-29 and page 15, lines 1-4.

We acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 5-14 are allowed and that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations recited in the base and any interviewing claims. Accordingly, we have amended dependent claim 2 to be independent form and to include the features recited in claim 1. We submit that claims 2-4 are now allowable.

Prior Art Rejections

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsukihashi (U.S. Patent No. 6,584,053). Applicant traverses this rejection.

We believe that Tsukihashi does not disclose a detection circuit for detecting a difference between the data address and the disc address obtained by reading the written data and a timing control circuit for correcting the disc address based on the difference and determining a timing for initiating the recording of the additional data using the corrected disc address, as recited in amended claim 1. Rather, Tsukihashi discloses a disc recording system including a recording start position detecting means 19 that determines the terminal end of the last frame of the data recorded on the disk by counting channel bits generated from recording data (EFM data) and referring the address data comprising time information of Q channel data of a subcode (sub Q data) and address information indicating the position (No. of data) in an EFM frame in the time information (see column 5, lines 42-46 and column 6, lines 26-40 of Tsukihashi). That is, Tshukihasi detects a recording start position by counting channel bits of the recorded data and referring the address data of the recording data. Accordingly, Tsukihashi does not detect a difference between a data address and a disc address, correct the disc address based on

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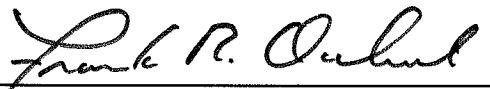
the difference, and determine a timing for initiating the recording of the additional data using the corrected disc address as the present invention. Consequently, we believe that the present invention distinguishes over Tsukihashi.

We believe that the claims are in condition for allowance which action we respectfully request.

No fees are believed due, however, please apply any charges, not covered, or any credits to Deposit Account No. 50-4189, referencing Attorney Docket No. 35901-073001.

Respectfully submitted,

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